



Asheville Greenway Committee Meeting
August 4, 2016
Police and Fire Conference Room – 4th floor of Municipal Building

Attendees: David Nutter, Meredith Gregory, Rich Lee, Stephanie Gillis, Sunny Carr, Markus Barksdale, Mary Weber

Called to Order 3:35

Minutes Approved

Agenda approved

Presentation by Josh O'Conner and Carla Fiorina of Buncombe County about the County's Greenway Master Plan Update.

Presentation to get support for the Fonta Flora State Trail. Fonta Flora State Trail is the state's first trail supported by the NC Parks System. It began as a loop trail around Lake James and is ready to extend to Morganton via the Overmountain Victory Trail. The next stages of extension are to Marion, Old Fort and then into Buncombe County. The partners of the trail are seeking support from the City of Asheville in the form of a resolution from the City Council. Vote was unanimous. The next step will be to take it to the Multi Modal Commission at the end of the month. If approved, the resolution will be drafted for the Council's consideration.

Mary welcomed the new members: Sunny Carr and Markus Barksdale (Yay!).

Staff Updates: Lucy gave updates on the Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways, French Broad River West Greenway design is continuing to face obstacles within the balance of adhering to Duke's Transmission Line Easement and the floodway. More money is going to be spent on flood modeling. The Greenway Connector project will begin soon. Discussion ensued about the Town Branch Creek and other water bodies are under state jurisdiction so there is a chance to work with them and assist in working with property owners to secure easements of properties where the waters run underground and possible daylight them. Beaucatcher greenway's review meeting went well. The design changes that the Greenway Committee and MMTC asked for have been incorporated into the current design.

Discussion on finding representatives of Southside and Livingston St. to reach out to so we may provide information about greenways and possibly find a new greenway committee member. Montford Neighborhood Assoc. will be having a meeting about the I-26 impacts on their neighborhood.

The group would like Ken Putnam to come in October to discuss the I-26 Connector Project.

Outreach: The Friends of Connect Buncombe had a public outreach booth at the City Tailgate Market. The reception was great and Meredith and Mary talked to many people and felt the people talking

Open Streets Asheville, an event that closes off downtown streets to be open only for bike and pedestrians, will take place Sept. 18th. Mary will send out more information on that. More information here:

<http://openstreetsasheville.com/backstory/about-us/>

The Committee agreed to write a letter of support for the PARTF grant. Mary will send it to Lucy.

Brewers for Greenways next event will be August 19th at Twin Leaf.

Meeting called to a close at 5:02PM